

REMARKS

The indication of allowability of claim 2 is noted with thanks. Accordingly, the formalities in claims 1 and 2 are corrected and claims 1 and 2 are merged thereby to provide an allowable claim.

Naturally, claim 2 is canceled as redundant of thus-amended claim 1.

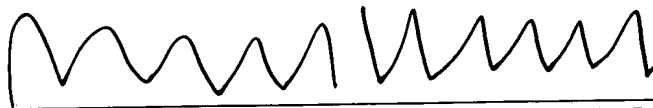
Claim 3 is also canceled as non-elected. However, it may be made the subject of a divisional application, to be filed at any time during the pendency of the present application.

In view of the present amendment and the foregoing remarks, therefore, it is believed that this application has been placed in condition for allowance, and reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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APPENDIX:

The Appendix includes the following item(s):

- an amended Abstract of the Disclosure